

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

#### **Listing of Claims**

1. - 13. (Cancel)
14. (new) A transgenic plant expressing a temporin cationic peptide.
15. (new) A transgenic plant comprising a recombinant nucleic acid molecule, wherein the nucleic acid molecule encodes a temporin peptide.
16. (new) The transgenic plant of claim 15, wherein the nucleic acid molecule comprises SEQ ID NO: 15.
17. (new) The transgenic plant of claim 15, wherein the temporin peptide comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS: 17-26.
18. (new) The transgenic plant of claim 17, wherein the temporin peptide further comprises an N terminal peptide extension of between 2 and 25 amino acids in length.
19. (new) The transgenic plant of claim 18, wherein the N-terminal peptide extension is AMWK (SEQ ID NO: 39), ASRH (SEQ ID NO: 40), or ALWK (SEQ ID NO: 41).
20. (new) A transgenic plant comprising a recombinant nucleic acid molecule, wherein the nucleic acid molecule encodes a fusion peptide having a formula P-T, wherein T is a temporin peptide and P is an anionic pro-region peptide.

21. (new) A transgenic plant comprising a recombinant nucleic acid molecule, wherein the nucleic acid molecule encodes a fusion peptide having a formula P-S-T, wherein T is a temporin peptide, P is an anionic pro-region peptide and S is a spacer peptide.

22. (new) A transgenic plant comprising a nucleic acid molecule encoding a peptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) SEQ IDs: 17-26 and fragments thereof;
  - (b) amino acid sequences that differ from an amino acid sequence specified in (a) by one or more conservative amino acid substitutions; and
  - (c) amino acid sequences that share at least 90% sequence identity with an amino acid sequence specified in (a),
- wherein the peptide has temporin biological activity.

23. (new) The transgenic plant of claim 22, wherein the peptide further comprises an anionic pro-region peptide operably linked to the N-terminus of the peptide.

24. (new) A transgenic plant comprising a recombinant nucleic acid molecule encoding a peptide comprising SEQ ID NO: 34.

25. (new) The transgenic plant of claim 22, wherein the amino acid sequence shares at least 95% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 17.

26. (new) The transgenic plant of claim 18, wherein the recombinant nucleic acid molecule comprises SEQ ID NO: 33.

27. The transgenic plant of claim 21, wherein the temporin peptide comprises SEQ ID NO: 18.

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28 (new) The transgenic plant of claim 18, wherein the N terminal peptide extension comprises MAMWK (amino acids 1-5 of SEQ ID NO: 28) or MASRH (amino acids 1-5 of SEQ ID NO: 33).